Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said method~~ comprising:

performing a registration process with a directory device, said registration process comprises a first client device specifying media content to download ~~and which device is allowed to or restricted from copying said media content once downloaded to said first client device~~;

supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers for providing said media content after said specifying;

coupling said first client device to a media supplier chosen from said list ~~to receive said media content after said performing said registration process with said directory device~~;

downloading said media content in an encrypted format from said media supplier to said first client device after said coupling said first client device to said media supplier;

downloading to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting said media content;

downloading said media content from said first client device to a second client device; and

downloading to said second client device said encryption key.

2. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising:

coupling said second client device to said directory device.

3. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising:

coupling said second client device to said first client device.

4. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first client device receives said encryption key from said media supplier.

5. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first client device receives said encryption key from said directory device.

6. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said second client device receives said encryption key from said first client device.

7. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said second client device receives said encryption key from said directory device.

8. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said encrypted media content is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

9. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said media supplier comprises a computer.

10. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said media supplier comprises a third client device.

11. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

12. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 1 ~~wherein said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device~~ further comprising:

supplying to said second client device a second list of media suppliers for providing said media content.

13. (currently amended) A method ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said method~~ comprising:

coupling said first client device to a directory device and specifying media

content to download ~~and which device is allowed to or restricted from copying said~~

~~media content once downloaded to said first client device~~;

supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers for providing said

media content after said specifying;

downloading to said first client device said media content in an encrypted format

from a media supplier chosen from said list;

downloading to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting

said media content;

downloading said media content from said first client device to a second client

device; and

downloading to said second client device said encryption key.

14. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 further

comprising:

coupling said second client device to said directory device.

15. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 further

comprising:

coupling said second client device to said first client device.

16. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said media supplier.

17. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said directory device.

18. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said first client device.

19. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said directory device.

20. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said encrypted media content is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

21. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said media supplier comprises a third client device.

22. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

23. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 13 ~~wherein said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play-back device~~ further comprising:

supplying to said second client device a second list of media suppliers for providing said media content, wherein said second list of media suppliers comprises said first client device.

24. (currently amended) A system ~~for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said system~~ comprising:

a media supplier for transmitting media content that is encrypted;

a first client device coupled to said media supplier and for receiving said media content from said media supplier, said first client device for receiving a first encryption key for decrypting said media content;

a directory device for coupling said first client device to said media ~~supplier~~ supplier, and for supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers that comprises said media supplier after said first client device ~~specifying~~ specifies said media content to download ~~and which device is allowed to or restricted from copying said media content once downloaded to said first client device~~; and

a second client device coupled to said first client device and for receiving said media content from said first client device, said second client device for receiving a second encryption key for decrypting said media content.

25. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said media content that is encrypted is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

26. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

27. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

28. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said media supplier.

29. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said directory device.

30. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said first client device.

31. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said directory device.

32. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said media supplier comprises a third client device.

33. (currently amended) The system ~~as described in~~ of Claim 24 wherein said directory device for coupling said second client device to said first client device.